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PRESIDENT NIXON AND WALTER SCHEEL, PRESIDENT,
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE EC AT WHITE HOUSE
DINNER OF FEBRUARY 11.

1. GENTLEMEN, AND MRS. LEE, IT IS FOR ALL OF US IN THIS
HOUSE A VERY GREAT HONOR TO HAVE SUCH DISTINGUISHED COM-
PANY ON THIS OCCASION.

2. AS I WELCOME THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE TWELVE
NATIONS REPRESENTED AT THIS CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS THE
FINANCE MINISTERS AND OTHER MINISTERS OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

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I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE YOU HERE

AGAIN. MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE WHEN EITHER THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OR HEADS OF STATE HAVE VISITED THE UNITED STATES.

3. IN SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY, I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO SOME OF THE TECHNICAL MATTERS THAT I UNDERSTAND HAVE BEEN COVERED AT RATHER CONSIDERABLE LENGTH IN YOUR DISCUSSION EARLIER IN THE DAY.

4. I THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL FOR THIS DISTINGUISHED COMPANY IF I WERE TO SPEAK TO YOU NOT SIMPLY IN TERMS OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM, WHICH VERY PROPERLY HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF PRIMARY DISCUSSION, BUT TO PUT THAT PROBLEM IN A LARGER CONTEXT OF THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE AND THE OTHER PROBLEMS WHICH WE FACE TO WHICH THAT, OF COURSE, IS VERY, VERY CLOSELY RELATED.

5. I THINK EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM IS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE HERE AT WHAT I WOULD CALL A WATERSHED OF WORLD HISTORY. WE ARE HERE AT A TIME WHEN WE HAVE SEEN THE CONCLUSION OF A VERY LONG AND DIFFICULT WAR IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES WAS INVOLVED IN VIETNAM, A TIME WHEN WE HAVE SEEN THE BEGINNINGS TOWARD MOVEMENT, TOWARD WHAT WE HOPE WOULD BE NOT JUST A TEMPORARY, BUT A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE MIDEAST.

6. ALSO OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS DURING THE TIME I HAVE BEEN IN THIS OFFICE AND DURING THE TIME THAT MOST OF YOU HAVE BEEN IN THE OFFICES YOU HOLD, WE HAVE SEEN THE WHOLE WORLD CHANGE. NOT ONLY THE UNITED STATES, BUT OTHER FREE WORLD NATIONS HAVE OPENED A NEW DIALOGUE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

7. WE HAVE ALSO SEEN THAT AT THE PRESENT TIME, AS A RESULT OF THAT DIALOGUE, NEGOTIATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE THAT NO ONE WOULD HAVE PREDICTED THREE OR FOUR YEARS AGO. NEGOTIATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE REDUCTION OF FORCES IN EUROPE, NEGOTIATIONS INsofar AS THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE IS CONCERNED, NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FIELD OF LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMS.

8. WHEN WE LOOK AT THIS RECORD AND OF ALL OF THE EVENTS THAT HAVE COME TOGETHER BEFORE THIS DAY ON WHICH WE MEET WE REALIZE THAT THE WORLD NOW FACES AN UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGE.

9. THAT HAS PROBABLY BEEN SAID BEFORE AT OTHER TIMES IN THE WORLD HISTORY, BUT PROBABLY IT HAS NEVER BEEN SO TRUE,

CERTAINLY NOT SO TRUE SINCE WORLD WAR II THAN TODAY, AND THAT CHALLENGE IS TO BUILD A WORLD OF PEACE, NOT SIMPLY A PEACE THAT IS AN INTERLUDE BETWEEN WARS, BUT A PEACE THAT HAS A CHANCE TO BE PERMANENT.

10. I WOULD NOT SUGGEST TO THIS SOPHISTICATED GROUP THAT BUILDING THAT PEACE AND KEEPING THAT PEACE WILL BE EASY. WE ALL KNOW THE COMPLEX SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ALL OF US WILL BE WORKING TOWARD A SOLUTION THAT WILL BE PERMANENT AND JUST AND FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED. WE ALL KNOW THAT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS AND THE SMALLER POWERS, BETWEEN WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE COMMUNIST WORLD AND THE FREE WORLD, THAT ONE MUST NEVER ASSUME THAT SIMPLY BECAUSE NEGOTIATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE THAT CONFRONTATION MAY NOT LATER OCCUR.

11. ON THE OTHER HAND, I THINK THAT WE CAN SAY THAT BECAUSE WE ARE LIVING IN AN ERA OF NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION, WHERE THE FREE WORLD AND THE COMMUNIST WORLD IS CONCERNED, BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN THE END OF THOSE WARS, SMALL THOUGH THEY WERE, BUT VERY PAINFUL THEY ALSO WERE, WHICH PLAGUED US FOR THE PAST GENERATION, ALTHOUGH THAT HAS HAPPENED WE REALIZE THAT IN ORDER TO BUILD THE PEACE AND TO KEEP IT THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH AND THE UNITY THAT BROUGHT US WHERE WE ARE.

12. HAVING SPOKEN IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA, THE AREA OF SECURITY, LET ME NOW RELATE IT TO THE OTHER AREAS WITH WHICH THIS
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